

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application. Deleted matter is shown by strikethrough or double-brackets, and added matter is shown by underlining.

Listing Of Claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A hand-held device for transferring a film from a
2 backing tape onto a substrate, said device comprising:
3 a housing in which a supply of the backing tape is arranged; ~~and~~
4 an application member projecting from said housing and having a front end
5 with a free end and at least a first application edge and a second application edge, the
6 backing tape being wound around said free end and said application edges of said
7 application member and extending into said housing with tape sections at a lower
8 longitudinal side of said application member facing the substrate during ~~the mode of~~
9 operation and at an upper longitudinal side of said application member opposite said
10 lower longitudinal side; and
11 a third application edge projecting from said lower longitudinal side of said
12 application member between said first application edge and said second application
13 edge;
14 wherein:
15 said second application edge projects from said lower longitudinal side of
16 said application member.
- 1 2. (currently amended) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:
2 said first and second application edges have mid-central planes enclosing an
3 angle of approximately 30° to 120°.
- 1 3. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 2,
2 wherein said mid-central planes of said first and second application edges
3 enclose an angle of about 45° to 90°.
- 1 4. (canceled)

1 5. (currently amended) A hand-held device according to claim [[4]] 1, wherein:
2 the height of at least one of said second application edge and said third
3 application edge is greater than the cross-sectional dimension of said first application
4 edge.

1 6. (currently amended) A hand-held device according to claim [[4]] 1, wherein:
2 said application member has a shaft; and
3 the height of at least one of said second application edge and said third
4 application edge is greater than the cross-sectional dimension of said shaft of said
5 application member.

1 7. (currently amended) A hand-held device according to claim [[4]] 1, wherein:
2 the cross-sectional shape of at least one of said second application edge and
3 said third application edge is convergent.

1 8. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 7, wherein:
2 the cross-sectional shape of at least one of said second application edge and
3 said third application edge is wedge-shaped.

1 9. (currently amended) A hand-held device according to claim [[4]] 1, wherein:
2 said housing has a lower border and a bottom side; and
3 said second application edge extends beyond at least one of said adjacent
4 lower border of said housing or said bottom side of said housing.

1 10. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:
2 said housing has a lower border and a bottom side; and
3 said second application edge extends beyond at least one of said
4 adjacent lower border of said housing or said bottom side of said housing.

1 11. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said application
2 member has a front end portion movable upwards against an elastic restoring force.

1 12. (currently amended) A hand-held device according to claim 11, wherein:
2 said application member has a rear end portion fixedly held in said housing;
3 and
4 said application member is elastically flexible in a vertical direction in at
5 least a partial area of its length.

1 13. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said application
2 member is rotatably mounted about a swivel axis extending in said housing upwards against
3 an elastic restoring force.

1 14. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, further comprising at
2 least one guiding web projecting backwards from a backside of said second application edge
3 on at least one side, said guiding web having an inner side guiding the backing tape being
4 wound around said second application edge.

1 15. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said second
2 application edge is offset backwards in relation to said first application edge in a direction
3 closer to said housing.

1 16. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said first
2 application edge is the front end of a longitudinally extending shaft of said application
3 member.

1 17. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said application
2 member is formed with a necking.

1 18. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 17, wherein:
2 said application member has a rear end closer to said housing than
3 said front end; and
4 said necking is formed at said rear end of said application member.

1 19. (New) A hand-held device for transferring a film from a backing tape onto a
2 substrate, said device comprising:

3 a housing in which a supply of the backing tape is arranged; and
4 an application member projecting from said housing and having a shaft and
5 at least a free end, a first application edge, and a second application edge, the backing tape
6 being wound around said free end and said application edges of said application member
7 and extending into said housing with tape sections at a lower longitudinal side of said
8 application member facing the substrate during operation and at an upper longitudinal side
9 of said application member opposite said lower longitudinal side;

10 wherein:

11 said second application edge projects from said lower longitudinal side of
12 said application member;

13 said second application edge has a height greater than the cross-sectional
14 dimension of said first application edge or said shaft of said application member; and

15 said second application edge has a wedge-shaped cross-sectional shape.

1 20. (New) A hand-held device for transferring a film from a backing tape onto a
2 substrate, said device comprising:

3 a housing in which a supply of the backing tape is arranged;

4 an application member projecting from said housing and having a front end
5 with a free end and at least a first application edge and a second application edge, the
6 backing tape being wound around said free end and said application edges of said
7 application member and extending into said housing with tape sections at a lower
8 longitudinal side of said application member facing the substrate during operation and at an
9 upper longitudinal side of said application member opposite said lower longitudinal side;

10 wherein:

11 said second application edge projects from said lower longitudinal side of
12 said application member with a mid-central plane transverse to a mid-central plane of said
13 first application edge; and

14 said first and second application edges extend across approximately the
15 entire width of said application member.

1 21. (New) A hand-held device according to claim 20, wherein:
2 said first and second application edges have mid-central planes enclosing an
3 angle of approximately 30° to 120°.

1 22. (New) A hand-held device according to claim 20, wherein:
2 said housing has a lower border and a bottom side; and
3 said second application edge extends beyond at least one of said adjacent
4 lower border of said housing or said bottom side of said housing.

1 23. (New) A hand-held device according to claim 20, wherein said second
2 application edge is offset backwards in relation to said first application edge in a direction
3 closer to said housing.

1 24. (New) A hand-held device for transferring a film from a backing tape onto a
2 substrate, said device comprising:
3 a housing in which a supply of the backing tape is arranged;
4 an application member projecting from said housing and having a front end
5 with a free end and at least a first application edge and a second application edge, the
6 backing tape being wound around said free end and said application edges of said
7 application member and extending into said housing with tape sections at a lower
8 longitudinal side of said application member facing the substrate during operation and at an
9 upper longitudinal side of said application member opposite said lower longitudinal side;
10 wherein:
11 said second application edge projects from said lower longitudinal side of
12 said application member and is offset backwards in relation to said first application edge in
13 a direction closer to said housing;
14 a guiding web projects backwards from a backside of said second application
15 edge facing said housing on at least one side of said second application edge; and
16 said at least one guiding web has an inner side guiding the backing tape
17 being wound around said second application edge.

1 25. (New) A hand-held device according to claim 24, further comprising a
2 guiding web projecting from said upper longitudinal side of said application member on at
3 least one side of said first application edge.
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1 26. (New) A hand-held device according to claim 25, further comprising:
2 a guiding web at each side of said first and second application edges and
3 having a distance therebetween substantially conforming to the width of the backing tape to
4 form guiding surfaces for the backing tape.
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